

Dear FCC:

I understand you are thinking of overturning New Jersey's tough "Do Not Call" program. In the name of peace, privacy and non-telephone harrassment, I ask you to please rethink this. It is such a pleasure now to be home and not have the phone ringing every 15 minutes from someone trying to sell you something you never wanted in the first place. It is a pleasure now that those who have call waiting can continue a phone call with a loved one or friend without the need of constantly hitting "flash" to pick up the other call, which is from someone trying to sell you something you never wanted in the first place. I am almost 48 years old. For at least 35 of my 48 years, I have never had to worry about being harrassed at home with unwanted calls since I had a private number. Now, I pay for a private number, and prior to our signing up for the "Do Not Call" list, I wondered why I even bothered to pay a bit extra when my private number wasn't protecting me at all. Just a few short years ago, we never heard of telemarketers. Telephones and telephone numbers have been around for a very long time, and it is only recently that this influx of unwanted harrassment has entered our lives.

I ask you to please reconsider your thoughts. In this country, the way of life has always been "majority rules". Well, the majority of people throughout the United States do not want to be bothered by telemarketers. Why is it now that the minority can make the majority do what they demand? That is not a democracy. We have enough stress in our everyday lives without the extra added stress of these telemarketers annoying us at our home and taking away our privacy.

I thank you for taking the time to read this, and if you would like me to expand about my feelings of our WONDERFUL "Do Not Call" list, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,
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